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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 371 filing of PCT International application no. PCT/IB2004/003210 filed September 30, 2004 and published in English as WO 2005/034932 on April 21, 2005 which claims the priority of Italian Application No. TO2003A000789 filed on October 7, 2003, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to compositions suitable for the treatment of pathological conditions distinguished by insufficient or reduced mitochondrial function. The compositions comprise, as principal active ingredients, the amino acids leucine, isoleucine and valine. The compositions may also comprise, as further active ingredients, amino acids threonine and lysine, and optionally, histidine, phenylalanine, methionine, tryptophan, as well as tyrosine and cysteine.